Guidelines for Providing SPG Security

2839. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the guidelines/parameters for providing SPG security cover to different politicians/individuals in the country;

(b) the details of SPG security cover provided as on-date to such individuals and the SPG officials deputed for the purpose;

(c) the details of security cover withdrawn during last three months from politicians/individuals;

(d) whether the President of Indian National Congress and her children are also covered by SPG personnel; and

(e) if so, the details and the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) As per the SPG Act, 1988 (as amended from time to time), SPG security cover is provided to the Prime Minister and the members of his immediate family and former Prime Ministers and members of their immediate family upto 10 years after the demission of their office, SPG cover beyond 10 years to the former Prime Ministers and members of their immediate family is extended where the level of threat is of such nature that justifies the provision of proximate secutrity by SPG. At present, besides the Prime Minister and the members of his immediate family, SPG cover is provided to Shri Chandrashekhar, Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao, Shri H. D. Deve Gowda, Shri I. K. Gujral, former Prime Ministers and members of their immediate family. Smt. Sonia Gandhi and her children are also being provided SPG cover.

(c) SPG security cover has not been withdrawn from any person during the last 3 months.

(d) and (e) The President of Indian National Congress, Smt. Sonia Gandhi and her children are being provided SPG cover based on very grave and continuing threat to their security.

Misappropriation in CMPDI, Ranchi

2840. SHRI SHIBU SOREN : Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received about large scale irregularities and misappropriation of Government vehicles of Central Mining Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) Headquarter, Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any inquiry is being contemplated in this regard ;

(d) whether regular scrutiny and checking of the log-books, maintenance and up-keep etc. is made by CMPDI;

(e) whether a number of senior officials like garage in-charge, are working at the same post for almost twenty years; and

(f) if so, the details and reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS [DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA] : (a) and (b) Three complaints were received in February, 1997, March, 1997 and March, 1999 alleging irregularities in repair of company vehicles, purchase of spares and new cars and misuse of company vehicles at Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) Headquarters, Ranchi.

(c) All these complaints were enquired into, but none of the allegations levelled in these complaints could be substantiated.

(d) Proper records of log books and maintenance and upkeep of vehicles are being maintained in CMPDIL and are being checked and audited regularly.

(e) The present Executive (Transport) of CMPDIL has been working in this post since 1994. He was posted as Garage-in-charge in Technical and Supervisory Grade (non-executive) in 1988 before being promoted to the executive cadre in 1994.

(f) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (e) of the question.

Closing down of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.

2841. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finally decided to close down the Bharat Gold Mines Ltd;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;